

**Remarks**

Claims 1-44 were pending. Claims 1-44 were rejected by the Examiner.

Claims 1-5, 12-19, 22-28, 31-37 and 40-42 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Armstrong (US Patent No. 6,356,633) in view of Ben-Shachar (US Patent No. 6,209,018).

Claims 6-7, 10-12, 17, 20, 26, 29, 35, 38 and 43 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Armstrong in view of Ben-Shachar as applied to claims 1-5, 12-19, 22-28, 31-37 and 40-42, and further in view of Wolff (US Patent No. 5,327,486).

Claims 8, 9, 21, 30, 39 and 44 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Armstrong in view of Ben-Shachar as applied to claims 1-5, 12-19, 22-28, 31-37 and 40-42, and further in view of Wagner (US Patent No. 6,092,102).

Applicant has canceled claims 1-44 and has added new claims 45-50. The new claims receive ample support in the specification in several places, among them the discussion of the operation of the telecommunications system with regard to Figure 4, on pp. 7-9.

None of the references cited teach the invention as claimed in the new claims.

Armstrong is directed to an electronic mail message routing system, not a communications system in which telephone calls are routed. Ben-Shachar is directed to a distributed object network system, but also does not address a communications system using persistent stores to route telephone calls. Wolff is directed to a personal telephone manager that uses out of band signaling to route telephone calls, but does not use objects, a persistent store or a preference object. Wagner is directed to a notification system, but is not directed to routing telephone calls.

It is therefore submitted that claims 45-50 are patentably distinguishable over the prior art and allowance of these claims is requested.

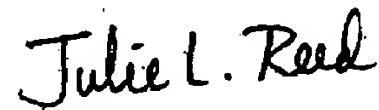
The prior art made of record and not relied upon has been reviewed and is not considered pertinent to Applicant's disclosure.

No new matter has been added by this amendment. Allowance of all claims is requested. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned if any questions arise concerning the above-mentioned application.

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